



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE

PHILIPPIANS

TO LIVE CHRIST

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TO DIE GAIN!





Philippians 4:1-6a

Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life. Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be anxious for nothing, . . .



Their dispute threatened to split the church.

The elders and deacons were failing to deal with it. (vs2)

Some were discontent and lacked joy. (vs 3)

Some were losing there cool and gentleness. (vs 5)

Some had allowed anxiety to take over. (verse 6)

And some just had no peace during this ordeal. (verse 7)

**BUT ALL OF THIS DISUNITY WAS
CAUSED BY TWO WOMEN
FIGHTING!**

Disappointment.

Doubt.

Discouragement.

They become ineffective witnesses.

Weaker people start to be crushed by their trials.

Then they become susceptible to temptation.

Stand = ὅτίκω stēkō =

To arise.

To stand to one's feet.

To take a stand.

To stand firm.

To be constant and persevere.







Galatians 6:1-2

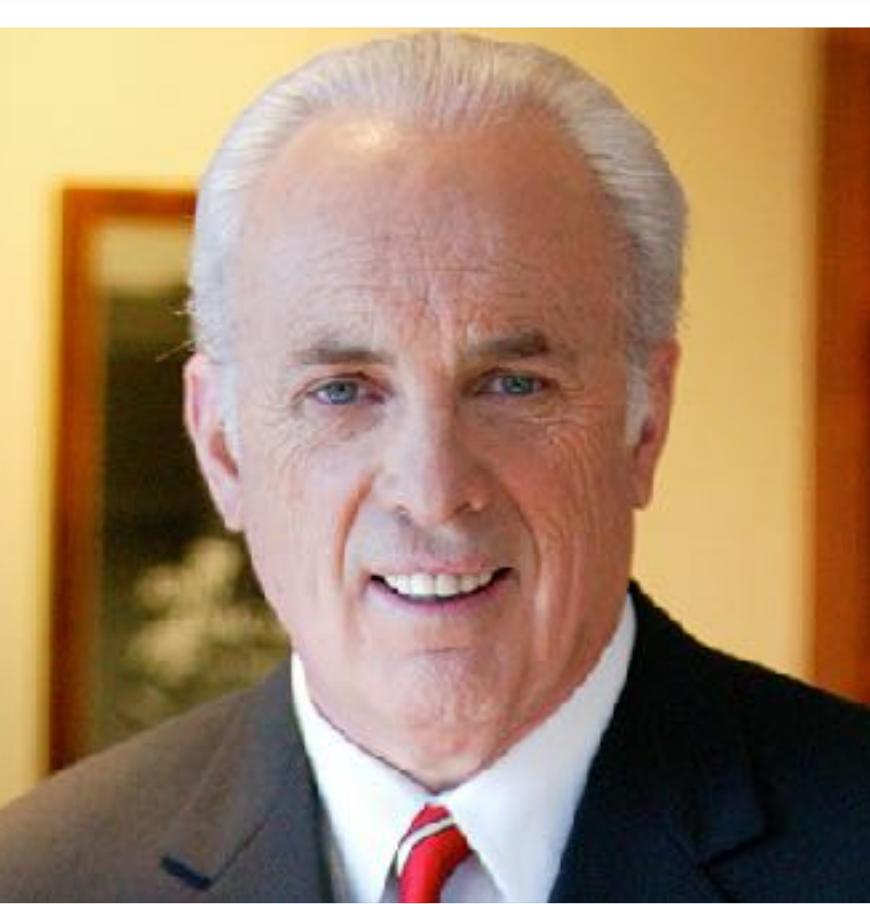
Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.





“Discord and divisiveness can cripple and destroy a church. Even if the church’s doctrine is sound, disunity robs a church of its power and a lack of harmony ultimately destroys its testimony!”

John MacArthur Jr.





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Galatians 2:11

*Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I
withstood him to his face, because he was to
be blamed;*

**BUT PETTY PERSONAL CONFLICTS
IN THE CHURCH MUST BE
RESOLVED AND HARMONY MUST
BE RESTORED!!!**

Matthew 5:9

**Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall
be called sons of God.**

"One of my deepest convictions is that the terrible harms that are done in this world are not done by deliberately evil people, who are not numerous and are soon found out. They are done by the good--by those who are so sure that God is with them. Nothing can stop them, for they are certain that they are right."

Maxwell Perkins





Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say,
rejoice!

Rejoice = **xaípω** *chairō* =

To be glad.

Joyful.

Full of Joy.

Rejoice in the Lord!

Be gentle to all men!

Be confident that Jesus is near!



Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Courage

Conviction

Credibility

Devotion

Prayer = προσευχή proseuchē = To
pray. To speak to God.

Supplication = δέησις deēsis = To
entreat. To petition. To ask
something of God.

Requests = αἴτημα aitēma = To ask
for something. To request.

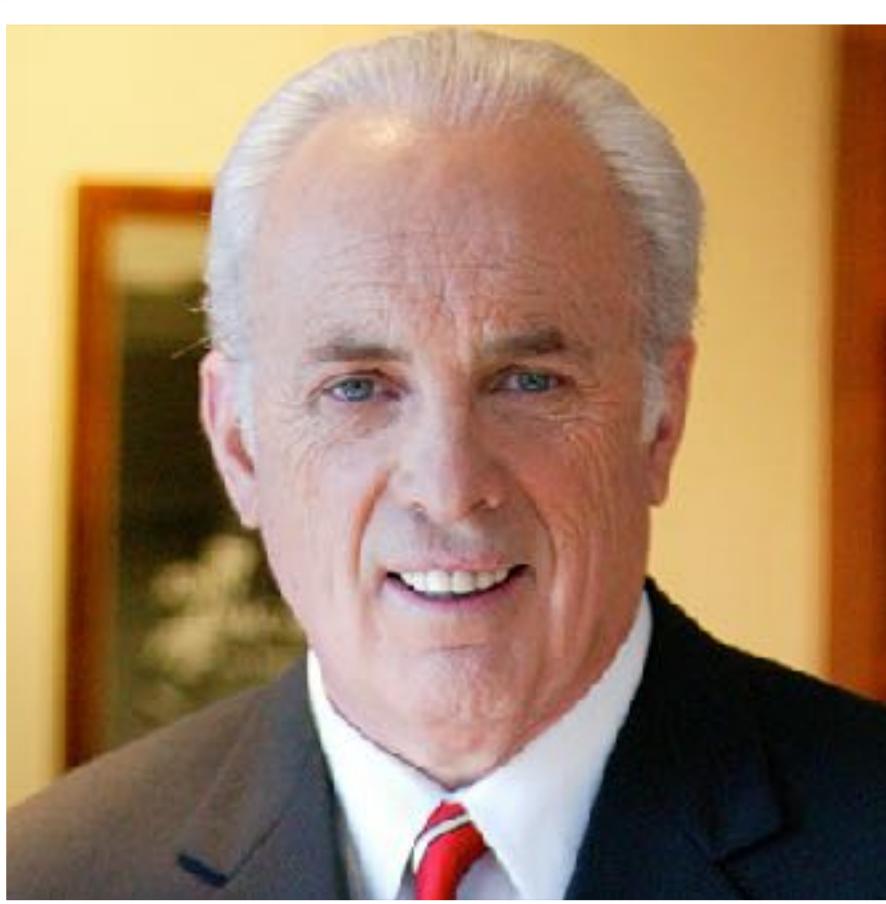


IN GOD I ^{kinda} TRUST

1 Peter 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

“People become worried, anxious, and fearful because they do not trust in God’s wisdom, power, or goodness. They fear that God is not wise enough, strong enough, or good enough to prevent disaster. It may be that this sinful doubt is because their knowledge of Him is faulty, or that sin in their lives has crippled their faith. But thankful prayer brings release from fear and worry, because it affirms God’s sovereign control over every circumstance, and that His purpose is for the believer’s good.”



John MacArthur Jr.

This will,
“surpass all understanding.”

And it will,
“guard our hearts and minds.”

Why? BECAUSE WE ARE

“IN CHRIST JESUS!!!”

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Meditate = λογίζομαι *logizomai* =

- 1) *Count up. Calculate. Account.*
- 2) *Regard. Consider. Conclude.*



Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. “Eat and drink!” he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

Mark 7:20-23

And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

THE
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THINKING

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RESULTS





COUNTER FIRE

This was the opposite of the
Bereans.

Acts 17:11

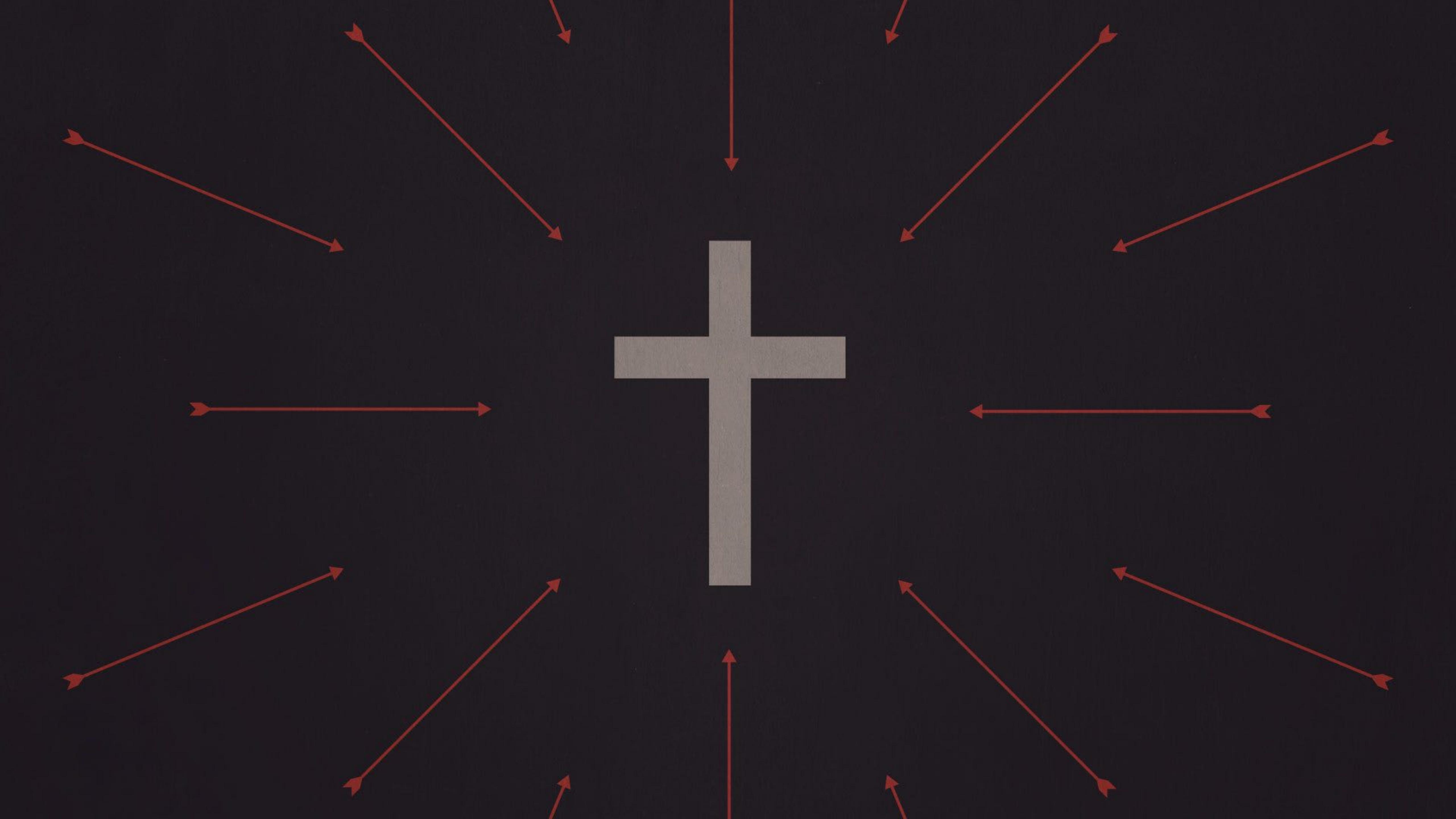
These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.



“What scares me is the anti-intellectual, anti-critical-thinking philosophy that has spilled over into the Church. This philosophy tends to romanticize the faith, making the local church into an experience center . . . Their concept of “church” is that they are spiritual consumers and that the church’s job is to meet their felt needs.”

Bill Hull





“Indeed, sin has more dangerous effects on our faculty of feeling than on our faculty of thinking, because our opinions are more easily checked and regulated by revealed truth than our experiences”.

John Stott



**GOD
COMMANDS US
TO THINK!!!**

John 4:24

**God is Spirit, and those who worship Him
must worship in spirit and truth.”**

Romans 8:5-9a

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

TRUTH

Things That Are TRUE!

True = ἀληθής *alēthē* =

Truthful.

Worthy of credit.

Things That Are NOBLE!

Noble = **σεμνός** *semnos* =

Reputable.

Serious.

Dignified.

Honorable.

Things That Are JUST!

Just = δίκαιος *dikaios* =

Fair.

Equitable.

Righteous.

Things That Are PURE!

Pure = ἀγνός *hagnos* =

Chaste.

Modest.

Innocent.

Blameless.

Things That Are LOVELY!

Lovely = προσφιλής *prosphilēs* =

Generosity.

Sweet.

Friendliness.

Patient.

Things That Are OF GOOD REPORT!

Of Good Report = εὔφημος *euphēmos*

Commendable.

Laudable.

Auspiciousness.

Things That Are VIRTUOUS!

Virtuous = ἀρετή *aretē* =

Goodness.

Kindness.

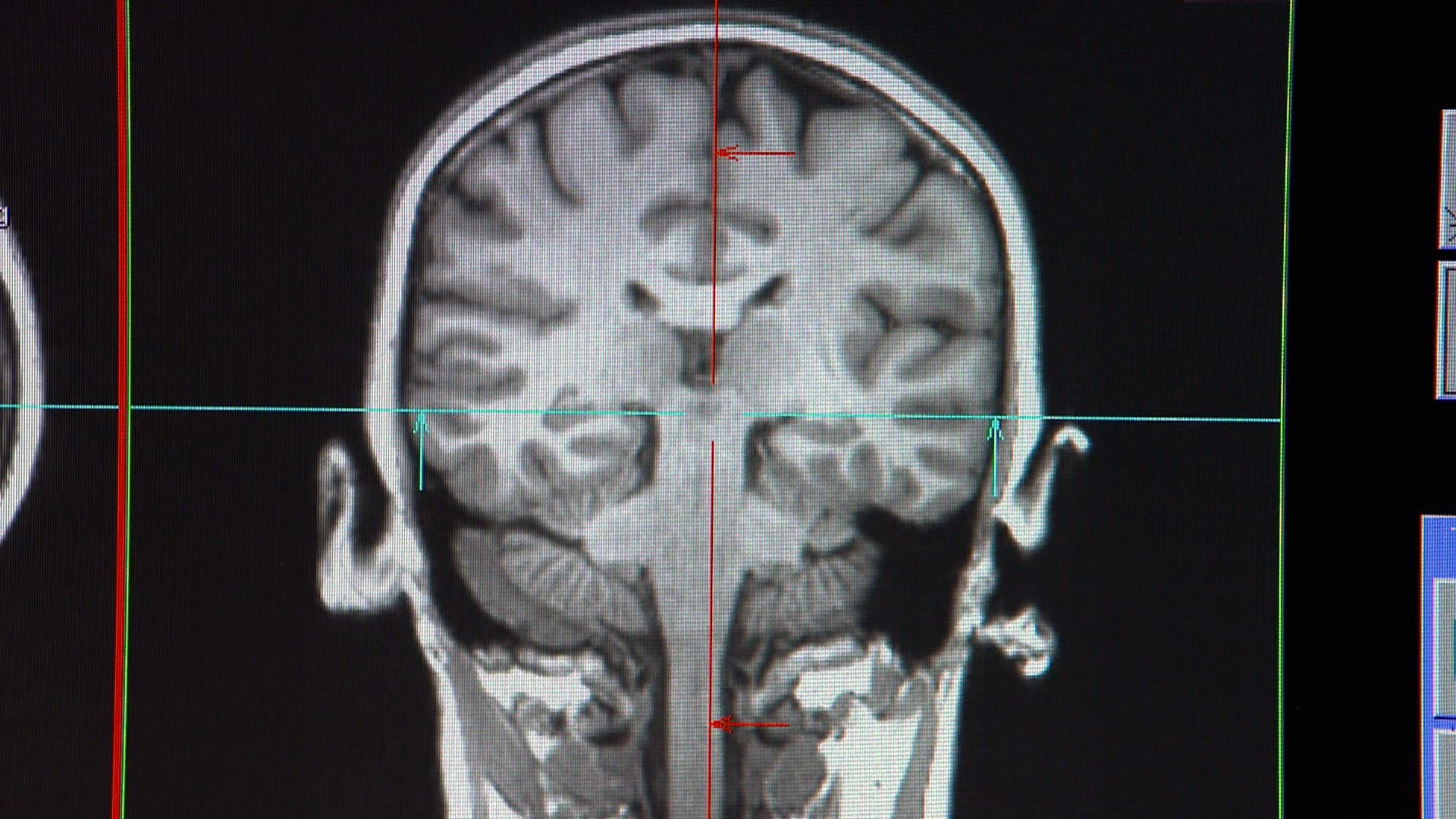
Graciousness.

Things That Are PRAISE WORTHY!

Praiseworthy = ἔπαινος *epainos* =

Grounds for honor.

Good reason for applause.



Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Proverbs 2:1-6

My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;

OBEDIENCE
IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE

Philippians 4:9

The things which you learned and received
and heard and saw in me, these do, and the
God of peace will be with you.

RESOLVED.

**PRACTICE
WHAT
YOU PREACH**



Philippians 4:10-19

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:10-19 . . . cont.

Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.







Philippians 4:13

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.









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Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Isaiah 40:29-31

**He gives power to the weak, And to those
who have no might He increases strength.
Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And
the young men shall utterly fall,**

**But those who wait on the LORD Shall
renew their strength; They shall mount up
with wings like eagles, They shall run and not
be weary, They shall walk and not faint.**





GIVE *Like* GOD

**But we need to be careful of what we
want and where our heart lies . . .**



Let's wrap up the Book of Philippians

Philippians 4:20-23

Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen







Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Saint = ἅγιος *hagios* =

Separated ones.

Dedicated ones.

Persons of the sanctuary.

Persons belonging to Christ.

A “*saint*”, therefore,
IS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN
SEPARATED FROM SIN AND IS SET
APART FOR GOD AND HIS HOLY
PURPOSES!!!

Philippians 4:20

**Now to our God and Father be glory forever
and ever. Amen.**



Saints are GOVERNED by God's grace!

Saints are GUIDED by God's grace!

Saints are KEPT by God's grace!

Saints are STRENGTHENED by God's grace!

Saints are SANCTIFIED by God's grace!

Saints are ENABLED by God's grace!



“You’re either a saint or an aint.”

Greg Laurie



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